# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

)	No. 2:12-md-02323 – AB	
)	MDL NO. 2323	
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)	SHORT FORM COMPLAINT	
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)	IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL	
)	LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION	
)	INJURY LITIGATION	
)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED	

### SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AGAINST RIDDELL DEFENDANTS

- Plaintiff(s) George Wrighster, III (and, if applicable (Plaintiff's Spouse)

  bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE:

  NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION,

  MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff(s) are filing this Short Form Complaint against Riddell Defendants as required by this Court's Case Management Order ECF No. 7709, filed May 18, 2017.
- 3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) continue to maintain claims against Riddell Defendants after a Class Action Settlement was entered into between the NFL Defendants and certain Plaintiffs.
- 4. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) incorporate by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Second Amended Master Administrative Long-Form

Complaint Against Riddell Defendants, as is fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint. However, Plaintiff denies that there is federal subject matter jurisdiction over this action.

Plaintiff is filing this case in a representative capacity as the

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	of having been duly appointed as
the	by the Court of
6.	Plaintiff, George Wrighster, III is a resident and citizen of California and
claims dan	nages as set forth below.
7.	Plaintiff's Spouse,, is a resident and citizen of, and
claims dan	nages as a result of loss of consortium proximately caused by the harm suffered by
her Plaintit	f husband.

- 8. Upon information and belief, the Plaintiff sustained repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts during NFL games and/or practices. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff suffers from symptoms of brain injury caused by the repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts the Plaintiff sustained during NFL games and/or practices. Upon information and belief, the Plaintiff's symptoms arise from injuries that are latent and have developed and continue to develop over time.
- 9. The original complaint by Plaintiffs in this matter was filed in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles on February 14, 2014. If the case is remanded, it should be remanded to the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles.

10.	Plai	ntiffs claim damages as a result of [check all that apply]:		
	$\boxtimes$	Injury to Herself/Himself		
		Injury to the Person Represented		
		Wrongful Death		
		Survivorship Action		
	$\boxtimes$	Economic Loss		
11.	Plai	ntiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse) bring this case against the following		
Defendants in this action [check all that apply]:				
	$\boxtimes$	Riddell, Inc.		
	$\boxtimes$	Riddell Sports Group, Inc.		
	$\boxtimes$	All American Sports Corp.		
	$\boxtimes$	BRG Sports, Inc., f/k/a Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.		
	$\boxtimes$	BRG Sports, LLC f/k/a Easton Bell Sports, LLC		
	$\boxtimes$	EB Sports Corp.		
	$\boxtimes$	BRG Sports Holdings Corp., f/k/a RBG Holdings Corp.		
12.	The	Plaintiff wore one or more helmets designed and/or manufactured by the		
Riddell Defenda	ants d	uring one or more years Plaintiff played in the NFL and/or AFL.		
13.	Plai	ntiff played in $\boxtimes$ the National Football League ("NFL") and/or in $\square$ the		
American Footb	all Le	eague ("AFL") during the following period of time 2003 - 2009 for the		
following teams	s:			
Jacksonville Jag	guars,	New York Giants.		

14. Plaintiff retired from playing professional football after the <u>2009</u> season.

## **CAUSES OF ACTION**

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15.	Plaiı	ntiffs herein adopt by reference the following Counts of the Second
Amended Master	r Adı	ministrative Long-Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations
incorporated by r	refere	ence in those Counts [check all that apply]:
	$\boxtimes$	Count I (Negligence)
		Count II (Negligent Marketing)
		Count III (Negligent Misrepresentation)
		Count IV (Fraud)
	$\boxtimes$	Count V (Strict Liability/Design Defect)
	$\boxtimes$	Count VI (Failure to Warn)
		Count VII (Breach of Implied Warranty)
		Count VIII (Civil Conspiracy)
		Count IX (Fraudulent Concealment)
		Count X (Wrongful Death)
		Count XI (Survival Action)
		Count XII (Loss of Consortium)
	$\boxtimes$	Count XIII (Punitive Damages under All Claims)
		Count XIV (Declaratory Relief: Punitive Damages)

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff (and, if applicable Plaintiff's Spouse) pray for judgment as follows:

- A. An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;
- B. An award of economic damages in the form of medical expenses, out of pocket expenses, lost earnings and other economic damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- C. For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
- D. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- E. For loss of consortium as applicable;
- F. For declaratory relief as applicable;
- G. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
- H. An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and
- I. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

#### **JURY TRIAL DEMAND**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: October 31, 2017 Respectfully submitted,

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